|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| BTSD Tiger - Image.jpg | *Guidance News That You Can Use* Features available resources on Armstrong’s Eighth Grade Guidance webpage ***Guidance News That You Can Use*.** |
| December 9, 2015 | Volume 1, Number 1 |
| |  | | --- | | **Guidance News That You Can Use newsletter** features available resources on Armstrong’s Eighth Grade Guidance webpage **Guidance News That You Can Use.**  <http://guidancenewsthatyoucanuse.wikispaces.com/>C:\Users\Karla\Desktop\Truman Paw Print.png C:\Users\Karla\Desktop\Truman Paw Print.pngC:\Users\Karla\Desktop\Truman Paw Print.png |   Armstrong Middle School  475 Wistar Road  Fairless Hills, PA 19030  267-599-2070 (O)  267-599-2299 (F)  Karla Davis Jones, M.Ed.  8th Grade School Counselor  Editor  267– 599– 2274 (Direct Line)  [karla.jones@bristoltwpsd.org](mailto:karla.jones@bristoltwpsd.org)  **Sign up now for the *Remind* App to receive text or email messages about 8th Grade related activities or events.** <http://guidancenewsthatyoucanuse.wikispaces.com/Remind+Instructions> | **First Marking Period 2015 – Important Reminders**  Hello Parents and Guardians,  The ***First Marking Period 2015*** has now come to a close and your child should have given you his/her ***First Marking Period Report Card.***  If you have not received it, please call me at the telephone number listed below. As we begin the Second Marking Period, please keep the following in mind:  ***Parent Portal***  Enables you to see on a daily basis your child’s academic performance in each of his/her classes, attendance in individual classes and email icon to each of his/her teachers. This link <https://icampus.btsd.us/campus/portal/bristol.jsp> will take you to the ***Parent Portal Sign In***.  Within your child’s ***Parent Portal*** profile, you and your child have an email ***In Box*** where I have also sent both of you a brief message along with an attached copy of this newsletter. To see these current or previous editions of ***Guidance News That You Can Use***, simply click on the link below. <http://guidancenewsthatyoucanuse.wikispaces.com/Guidance+News+That+You+Can+Use+Newsletter>.  Once on your child’s ***Parent Portal*** profile, please confirm your email address as I will be emailing you important Guidance documents during this school year. If you are a ***First Time User,*** have a change of home and email addresses, telephone number(s), or other questions about the ***Parent Portal***, please contact Mrs. Jenelle Fleming, Guidance Secretary, by calling 267– 599 – 2268.  ***Academic Quarterly Warning Letters –*** If your child earned a ***D*** or ***F*** in ***ELA, Math, Science, or Social Studies*** on his/her ***First Marking Period Report Card 2015***, I have already met with your child to review his/her academic performance. Your child should have brought a letter home to you. If you did not receive this letter, please call me on my ***Direct Line*** listed to the left.  ***Armstrong’s Homework Club***  If after reviewing your child’s ***First Marking Period Report Card 2015*** you feel that he/she needs to improve his/her academic performance, please consider signing him/her up for our Homework Club. Applications are available in the Main Office.  <http://guidancenewsthatyoucanuse.wikispaces.com/21st+Century+After+School+Program>  ***Attendance Notes***  Students who attend school on a regular basis typically earn higher grades. More importantly, they develop responsible behaviors of arriving on time with their prepared work and important questions for their teachers which will serve them well during this school year, high school, and future.  When your child is absent from school, please have him/her bring the absence note to his/her Homeroom Teacher within three days after returning to school.  [http://www.boarddocs.com/pa/btsd/Board.nsf/Public?open&id=policies#](http://www.boarddocs.com/pa/btsd/Board.nsf/Public?open&id=policies)    ***National Junior Honor Society 2015 – 2016 Requirements***  Students who are planning to apply for acceptance into our National Junior Honor Society 2015 – 2016 should click on the link below and review the requirements listed. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Clark [beth.rifkin-clark@bristoltwpsd.org](mailto:beth.rifkin-clark@bristoltwpsd.org).  <http://guidancenewsthatyoucanuse.wikispaces.com/National+Junior+Honor+Society+2015-16+Requirements>  ***New Stuff***  ***Network of Victim Assistance (NOVA) Presentation***  On Tuesday, December 8, 2015, ***NOVA*** educators introduced the four different types of bullying including physical, verbal, emotional, and cyber. To help your child learn more about bullying prevention, please review the articles below entitled **Tips on Handling Bullying** and **Tips for Upstanders** prepared by the ***Network of Victim Assistance*** ***(NOVA)***. <http://guidancenewsthatyoucanuse.wikispaces.com/Network+of+Victim+Assistance+%28NOVA%29+Classroom+Presentations+-+December+8%2C+2015>  ***Remind App***  Starting in January 2016, I will begin sending out *brief* reminders for 8th grade related activities or events. If you would like to receive these texts or email messages simply follow the ***Remind*** instruction listed on the attached page. On the reverse side of the instructions is an article entitled ***What Makes Remind Safe?*** You will also find a copy of these two documents in your ***Inbox***. <http://guidancenewsthatyoucanuse.wikispaces.com/Remind+Instructions>  If you have any questions, please contact me directly at 267– 599– 2274 or [karla.jones@bristoltwpsd.org](mailto:karla.jones@bristoltwpsd.org).    Sincerely,  Karla Davis Jones  Karla Davis Jones  8th Grade School Counselor  P.S. Please remind your child to complete all assignments including extra-credit.  Attachments |